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At an important meeting called recently by the Albanian Prime Minister, the effectiveness of the executive committees in aiding the realization of the 1951 economic plan was analyzed. Attention was also paid at this meeting to the tasks confronting local party and government organs during 1951.

Considerable successes were noted for 1951 in the activity of the people's councils, in particular their executive committees. The people's councils of the following districts most effectively accomplished their tasks: Peshkopi, Gjirokastra, Preshe, Kelenje, Sarande, Tropoje, and Kukes.

In spite of the real gains made during 1951, however, there was still a great deal of defective work carried on by local government organs. The executive committees of the Durres, Kruje, Lezhe, Lushnje, and Fier districts were the least effective in the performance of their duties.

Experience has demonstrated that decisions taken by people's councils are worthless unless specific measures are prescribed to insure their application. This was not done by the executive committees of Lushnje, Fier, Gramsh, and Durres districts in the case of the decision taken by the people's councils regarding the spring sowing program, and the results were consequently poor. The same situation was repeated in the case of the harvest program, especially in Shkoder, Kruje, and Lezhe districts.

The permanent committees of the people's councils of the districts mentioned immediately above are to be blamed for unsatisfactory functioning. Other factors contributing to the ineffectiveness of people's councils in general are their failure to provide specific assistance to individuals and committees on the working level, their failure to keep proper statistical records and present regular statistical reports, and their unwillingness to listen to other opinions.

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In a few days the executive committees will go before the people's councils and the masses to report on their activities during 1951. Special attention needs to be paid when this occurs, to analyze critically the reasons for the successes and failures noted last year in the various phases of national life.

The objectives of the 1952 economic plan are extremely high. The members of executive committees have special responsibility to contribute to the success of the plan by insisting on the proper performance of assigned functions by the permanent committees, by combating obstructions and imperfections in the information program, by encouraging the spirit of individual responsibility and the maintenance of discipline, and by improving organization and control in the application of decisions.

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